

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-12 and 15-39 are in the case.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. §112, FIRST PARAGRAPH, REJECTION

Claims 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement and on alleged lack of enablement grounds. In response, and without conceding to the merit of these rejections, claims 8-10 have been amended so that L²-L⁵ are halogen. Withdrawal of the outstanding rejection of claims 8-10 is now respectfully requested.

Claim 6 has been rejected on the ground that there is allegedly insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation where X is = OH. Claim 6 has been further objected to under Rule 1.141 on the ground that the species recited in claim 6 exceed a reasonable number.

In response to the antecedent basis point, claim 1 has been amended to refer to tautomers. Basis appears at pages 28-30, in particular, page 28, line 28, where it is clear that compounds wherein X is = O are tautomers of compounds where X is -OH. No new matter is entered.

In response to the objection under Rule 1.141, the compounds of claim 6 have been split into separate claims each having a reasonable number of species.

Withdrawal of the outstanding 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, rejection is now believed to be in order. Such action is respectfully requested.

II. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 12 has been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as in allegedly improper dependent form. In response, claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 11 and to be singly dependent on claim 1.

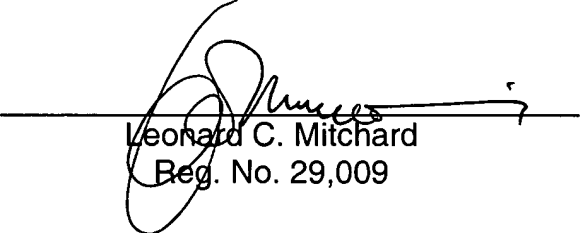
Claims 1-5, 7, 11, 12 and 15-17 have been objected to for the reasons stated in paragraph 5 of the Action. In response, the claims have been amended to replace the phrases "may be" or "may itself be" with more positive language. Withdrawal of this objection is now respectfully requested.

Favorable action on this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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